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TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A. N. Abajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: TEIDEMANIS, Herberts

1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum IRP/500, dated 26 October 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.
2. The files of this office contain the following information concerning the subject of your request.
3. In a report dated 22 June 1949, from an official British source, it was stated that Herberts TEIDEMANIS was employed by British Intelligence, in West Germany, as an agent. Subject was dropped from this capacity by the British because of general unreliability and black market activities.
4. A usually reliable source stated, in a report dated September 1952, that Herberts TEIDEMANIS was employed, during the German occupation of Latvia, by the German Security Service (SD) to direct the examination and execution of Communist partisans. Working in this capacity in Valmiera, Latvia, Subject gained the infamous title of the "Valmiera Executioner". Subject was next promoted to the rank of police captain in the Latvian political police section of the SD. In 1945, Subject was in the SD section in Liepaja, Latvia, combatting the Communist elements there. Also, in 1945, Herberts TEIDEMANIS arrived in Ziekas, Latvia, with a special command, and was known, there too, to work in a very ruthless fashion.
5. Without intending to mitigate or condone the rather exceptional activity reported concerning Herberts TEIDEMANIS, it should perhaps be noted that it was not unusual for Latvians to accept employment with the German SD for the purpose of exposing the Communist elements.

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FORM IRP-3 (rev.) 6-15-54	
DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM U. S. FILE CHECK	
CLASS ESCAPEE	DATE 11 Oct 1955
IRP CONTROL NO. Frankfurt 6374	FAMILY GROUP 6375
1. APPLICANT	
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name) SEX	
A. NAME TEIDEMANIS Herberts male	
B. ALIASES TIEDEMANIS TEIDEMANIS	
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY Stateless	
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY Latvian	
E. DATE OF BIRTH (Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) 1 March 1906	F. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) (Country) Riga Latvia
G. OCCUPATION Cpl. Labor Service Co.	
2. SPOUSE	
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name)	
A. NAME TEIDEMANIS Austra	
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name)	
B. MAIDEN NAME GRINTALS	
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY Stateless	
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY Latvian	
E. DATE OF BIRTH (Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) 24 April 1923	F. PLACE OF BIRTH (City) (Country) Riga Latvia
G. ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT ☒ YES ☐ NO	
3. APPLICANT'S RESIDENCE DURING PAST FIVE YEARS (City and country only, in reverse chronological order)	
1952 to pres: Karlsruhe-Rueppurr, Germany 1951 to 1952 Ettlingen, Germany 1949 to 1951 Bad Nauheim, Germany 1948 to 1949 Bad Oeynhausen, Germany 1948 Aug-Nov (Eutin) Germany, Cuxhaven 1947 to 1948 Eutin, Germany 1946 to 1947 Gottorp, Germany 1946 Apr-Sep Neumuenster, Germany 1945 to 1946 Tarbek, Germany	
4. REMARKS (Including applicant's affiliations and military service)	
Other Occupations: Farm-hand, Police inspector, Interpreter, Mechanic, Kitchen helper, Driver	
Military History: 1926 to 1927 "Daugavgrivas" Latvian Army 1938 to 1941 Latvian Political Police 1941 to 1942 Interpreter with German Army 1942 to 1945 Latvian Political Police 1945 to 1946 British POW	
IRP CONTROL:	
ACCOMPANYING MINORS: (Name) (Sex) (DOP) (IRP Control Number)	
SPONSOR(S): Richard J. ROOD, 12058 St., El Monte, CA	
VOLUNTARY AGENCY: WCC	
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